Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace first paragraph, page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

Reference is made to ~~Application Serial Number _____ (Attorney Docket No. F-139)~~ United States Patent No. 6,621,591, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRINTING AN INFORMATION-BASED INDICIA PROGRAM (IBIP) POSTAGE FROM A DOCUMENT INSERTER, assigned to the assignee of this application and filed on even date herewith.

Please replace top paragraph, page 7, lines 1 through 11, with the following:

stream processor module also inputs the address information to an envelope formatter **32**, which formats the envelope in accordance with information contained in an envelope definition file **34** for placement of the destination address, return address, barcode, postage or other indicia or image to be printed on the envelope face. The envelope formatted information is passed to the IBIP generator **36** to produce the IBIP postage indicia in accordance with the value indicated by the postage meter **38** and forwards the postage indicia image and address image to the envelope printer **40**. The printed envelopes may be fed from the printer **40** to an inserter that inserts documents fed to it from the document printer **30** to produce a matched mailpiece for placement into the delivery stream.

Please replace page 8, beginning with line 1 through line 30, with the following:

document is processed with an embedded address as shown in step **104**. The address information is typically input from an address database or may be individually inserted in accordance with the third-party word processing application. Once the document is processed with the embedded address in step **104**, the method moves to step **106**,

wherein the processed document of step **104** is sent to a printer driver as a print stream. The printer driver in step **106** converts the print stream into a document description format and sends it to the print stream processor module in step **107**. The print stream processor module in step **107** has means for determining in step **108** which information in the print stream is textual information, and in step **110** which information is control code information. The print stream processor module then removes the control code information as indicated in step **112**. The address is parsed from the remaining information as indicated in step **114** and the print stream processor module sends the textual information to the document printer as indicated in step **116**. The print stream processor module sends the parsed address information to an address validation correction test as shown in step **118**. The address is tested for validity and compliance with USPS regulations. Software such as Pitney Bowes Smart Mailer mail management software operates to find duplicate addresses, detect undeliverable addresses and, where possible, corrects the errors in the address as indicated by the address correction method step **120**. In the valid address method step **118**, the ZIP code is also examined and a ZIP+4 code is provided where necessary. The output of the valid address method test step **118** is transmitted to the correcting ~~or corrected~~ address [from]step **120** if step **118** finds an incorrect address. From the address correction method step **120** is output to the document printer method step **116**. [and also] If step **118** finds a valid address, the output goes to the create indicia image method step **122**. In the create indicia image method step **122**, the IBIP postage indicia is generated in accordance with the required postage amount for printing on the envelope.